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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 8,10,18,20,22 and 38-46 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 8,10,18,20,22 and 38-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/07.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/4/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues on pages 14 and 15 of the response in essence that:

Fan '706 does not disclose a means for correlating, after receiving the request from the computer, the relevant computer and the port number with each other.

a. Fan '706 discloses a correlating unit that correlates, after the reception by said reception unit, discrimination information of the computer that transmitted the request (IP source address) and the port number (destination port) notified by said port number notifying unit with each other (col. 8, lines 32-59, IP source address and destination port compared against an ACL). The packet fields (IP source address and destination port) of a packet may be compared against an ACL (access control lists which designate acceptable packets) and will be permitted if present in an ACL or dropped if not present.

2. Applicant's arguments regarding notifying the computer of a port number corresponding to a kind of data process included in the request have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 8, 18, 22, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan '706 and Kayashima '366.

Referring to claim 8, Fan '706 discloses a data processing apparatus (network device 301 of Fig. 3, col. 6, lines 26-44) which communicates with a computer via a network, said data processing apparatus, comprising: a reception unit that receives a request transmitted from the computer via the network, wherein the request includes a kind of data process to be executed (col. 3, lines 9-16, receiving a packet and identifying an application associated with the packet); a port number notifying unit that notifies a port number corresponding to a kind of data process included in the request received by said reception unit (col. 7-8, lines 61-67, 1-10, firewall determines which additional channels should be dynamically opened); a correlating unit that correlates, after the reception by said reception unit, discrimination information of the computer that transmitted the request (IP source address) and the port number (destination port) notified by said port number notifying unit with each other (col. 8, lines 32-59, IP source address and destination port compared against an ACL); a data receiving unit that receives data addressed to the port number, from an external apparatus (col. 7, lines 41-51, allow packet transmission); and a control unit that discriminates whether or not the port number (destination port) and discrimination information of the external

apparatus (IP source address) have been correlated with each other by said correlating unit, controls to execute a process based on the data received by said data receiving unit in a case where it is discriminated that the port number and the discrimination information of the external apparatus have been correlated with each other (col. 10, lines 1-9, processes the packet), and controls not to execute the process based on the data received by said data receiving unit in a case where it is discriminated that the port number and the discrimination information of the external apparatus have not been correlated with each other (step 408 of Fig. 7, col. 9, lines 32-39, packet is dropped) (col. 8, lines 32-59).

Fan '706 discloses port number negation, does not disclose expressly notifying the computer of a port number. Kayashima '366 discloses a port number notifying unit that notifies a computer of a port number (col. 10, lines 44-46, server notifies the port number to the client computer). At the time of the invention, it would have obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to notifying a computer of a port number. The motivation for doing so would have been to inform the computer sending information a port number in which to utilize for communication. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Kayashima '366 with Fan '706 to obtain the invention as specified in claim 8.

Referring to claim 18, see the rejection of claim 8 above.

Referring to claim 22, see the rejection of claim 8 above.

Referring to claim 38, Fan '706 discloses a discriminating unit that discriminates whether or not to permit communication with the computer (col. 8, lines 32-59, IP source

address and destination port compared against an ACL), wherein said port number notifying unit notifies the port number in a case where said discriminating unit discriminates to permit the communication with the computer (col. 7-8, lines 61-67, 1-10, firewall determines which additional channels should be dynamically opened).

Kayashima '366 discloses a port number notifying unit that notifies a computer of a port number (col. 10, lines 44-46, server notifies the port number to the client computer).

Referring to claim 39, Fan '706 discloses wherein the discrimination information of the computer and the discrimination information of the external apparatus are respectively an IP address of the computer and an IP address of the external apparatus (col. 8, lines 32-59, IP source address and IP destination address).

Referring to claim 41, see the rejection of claim 38 above.

Referring to claim 42, see the rejection of claim 39 above.

Referring to claim 44, see the rejection of claim 38 above.

Referring to claim 45, see the rejection of claim 39 above.

5. Claims 10 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan '706 and Kayashima '366 as applied to claims 8 and 18 above, and in further view of Yonenaga '872.

Referring to claim 10, Fan '706 discloses a data processing apparatus, but do not disclose expressly the data processing apparatus is a printer. Yonenaga '872 discloses a computer that includes a printer (col. 1, lines 56-67). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include a printer

within a computer. The motivation for doing so would have been to increase the portability of a computer-printer system. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Yonenaga '872 with Fan '706 and Kayashima '366 to obtain the invention as specified in claim 10.

Referring to claim 20, see the rejection of claim 10 above.

6. Claims 40, 43, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan '706 and Kayashima '366 as applied to claims 8, 18, and 22 above, and in further view of well known prior art.

Referring to claim 40, Fan '706 discloses said port number notifying unit notifying of a plurality of different port numbers but does not disclose expressly notifying a port number corresponding to a print process or a port number corresponding to a managing process. Official Notice is taken that it is well known and obvious in the art for a port number to correspond to a printing process and for a port number to correspond to a managing process. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious for the system of Fan '706 to notifying the computer (as taught by Kayashima '366) a printing port number or a managing port number. The motivation for doing so would have been to designate certain port number to certain applications. Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine well known prior art with Fan '706 and Kayashima '366 to obtain the invention as specified in claim 40.

Referring to claim 43, see the rejection of claim 40 above.

Referring to claim 46, see the rejection of claim 40 above.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

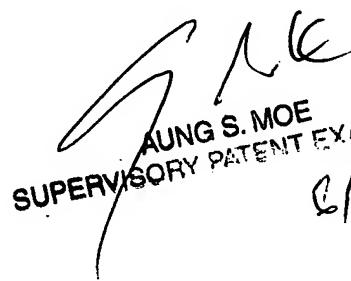
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter K. Huntsinger whose telephone number is (571)272-7435. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Moe Aung can be reached on (571)272-7314. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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